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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please read the plea below and reject the USTZ's petition to end non-discriminatory rate-setting requirements for unbundled broad band infrastructure. it will be disastrous for rural customers like us.

After years of internet so slow that I could not stream or work from home, a California State grant for underserved areas enabled a company to put in fiber optic cable and life has opened up for us. As rural residents we have limited funds. If your rules allow middle-mile providers to price us out of internet service, the grants and effort that went into providing it will be for naught.

For rural America, existing UNE regulations must remain in force. Please listen to us.

Sincerely,

Noel Bouck